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3.		Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
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	d.	☐ <u>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</u> Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5.	×	Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
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18.	×	Additional Enclosures (please identify below):
		Copy of Assignment as filed in parent application, Serial No. 08/873,010 Copy of Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business Concern as filed in parent application, Serial No. 09/479,837
		Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)
19.		Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing

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